

# AMEDD Patient Safety Program Fact Sheet

## Automated Patient Safety Management Application (*e-APSMA*)

Patient safety (PS) is a critical part of Army Medical Department (AMEDD) health care decision-making. The end state of PS is the attainment of a culture with the recognition that humans make mistakes, and the focus therefore is on systems and process design and improvement. This culture has concern for avoiding patient harm that are similarly weighed as medical readiness, training, clinical quality and fiscal considerations in the development of policy, strategy and operations.

### What is *e-APSMA* ?

The Automated Patient Safety Management Application (*e-APSMA*) is a web-based centralized database designed to enable the U.S. Army Medical Command (MEDCOM) PS Center and its RMCs and MTFs to effectively capture, analyze and report on all PS program data according to MEDCOM, DoD and JCAHO policies and procedures.

### Mission:

**Enterprise solution to facilitate effective management and analyses of all MEDCOM Patient Safety Program data.**

### Objectives:

- Improve patient safety program management, procedures & operation
- Reduce the chance of human error reaching and harming patients
- Promote a culture to facilitate identification and reporting of near misses
- Design fail-safe systems and processes
- Standardize high-risk processes & practices
- Facilitate communication and learning
- Share lessons learned



### *e-APSMA* Features:

- TRICARE Online application
- Centralized, corporate database
- Web-enabled, browser-based information portal
- Secure login and password
- Role based access to data on "need to know" basis
- Interfaces for data transfer to AFIP, MedMARx & JCAHO (Future data transfer interfaces to CCQAS, CDC, FDA & other regulatory agencies)

### *e-APSMA* Capabilities:

- Incident Reporting
- Data Analysis
- Root Cause and Prospective Analysis
- Risk Assessments
- Safety Alerts
- National Patient Safety Goals
- Safe/Best Practices
- Distance Learning

### How do I obtain more information on the AMEDD PS Program or *e-APSMA* ?

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